

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the current Abstract with the following:

--A method and system for conducting a market research study with one or more participants over a distributed network. The system includes a moderator device having distributed network access, an audio/video two-way communication mechanism, and an input mechanism wherein moderators submit stimulus to, and conduct two-way audiovisual communications with, users across the distributed network. A user device for each user also having distributed network access, an audio/video two-way communication mechanism, and an input mechanism is also provided. Users submit market research responses over the distributed network in response to the moderator's submitted stimulus and questions and conduct two-way audiovisual communications over the distributed network with the moderator and other users. Each user device can be located geographically remote from the moderator device and viewed by the sponsoring client in substantially real time, on the client's own computers or other viewing device.